



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Weekly Review: November 7-11, 2022

Workshop

November 7, 2022

Legal staff facilitated a workshop for the elected officials, legislative staff, and the Commissioner of Finance regarding a draft resolution for establishing a net revenue allocation schedule for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures-Grand Casino Hinckley.

Legislative Branch Weekly Sync Meeting

November 8, 2022

Legislative staff facilitated a Weekly Sync Meeting with elected officials to review the upcoming Band Assembly agenda items. The review included discussion about a foster care grievance letter, TERO Commission nominations, GRA-MLCV leasing, the workshop schedule, and District Representative initiatives.

Band Assembly Meeting

November 9, 2022

The Speaker of the Assembly convened a meeting of the Band Assembly. The District Representatives amended the agenda and then approved the amended agenda.

The District Representatives amended and approved the minutes from the Band Assembly meeting dated November 2, 2022.

The District Representatives approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-88-22 (A Bill Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation/(Reduction) for the purpose of authorizing expenditures for the Executive and Legislative Branches for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-89-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the December 2022 and January 2023 Tribal Per Capita Distribution for Adults and Minor Trust for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives amended and approved Band Assembly Bill 20-02-90-22 (A Bill of Supplemental Appropriation for the December 2022 and January 2023 Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act ("TGWEA") Assistance Payment Program for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023).

The District Representatives approved Special Revenue Resolution 20-02-06-22 (Special Revenue Resolution Authorizing the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Commissioner of Finance to Execute a Master Custody Agreement with the Northern Trust Company).

The District Representatives approved Resolution 20-02-44-22 (A Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians).

The District Representatives approved a contract with Tribal Consultation Services to provide Model Tribal System (“MTS”) user support for the Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program.

The District Representatives approved a contract with GMJ Designs to provide technical assistance and customer support for the Model Tribal System (“MTS”) for the Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Service Master Recovery Management to provide contracted cleaning service work as outlined in the detailed proposal for the District 1 Health & Human Services building.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Pine County to allow the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to remain fiscal host of grant award and to disburse payments to the county for their portion of the Family Home Visiting work plan.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Mille Lacs County to allow the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to remain fiscal host of grant award and to disburse payments to the county for their portion of the Family Home Visiting work plan.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Degerstrom & Sons Construction, LLC, to provide labor and materials for a rental residential renovation at a rental unit in District 3.

The District Representatives approved a contract with Huot Construction & Services to provide labor and materials for a residential rehab to change an ADA rental to a regular rental unit in District 3.

The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District I: Renewal: FFH1510007.

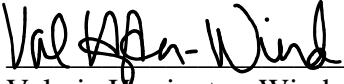
The District Representatives approved Foster Care License: District I: Renewal: FFH0410003.

In the “Messages from the Representatives” portion of the agenda, District I Representative Virgil Wind thanked everybody in attendance the previous week, with 672 viewing the livestream. Representative Wind thanked all participants for the input and for their help crafting legislation. Representative Wind shared that his office is happy to announce a partnership with Grand Casino Mille Lacs Band Member Recruitment for the Native American Heritage “Home of the Side Step” event on November 13, 2022, at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. The event will take place from 1:00 – 6:00 pm and includes a hand drum contest and side step specials for adults and youth. Representative Wind encouraged Band members to spread the word to celebrate our heritage through togetherness. Representative Wind shared that, upcoming in November, the District I Representative’s Office is in the process of scheduling our District I community meeting, which will encompass a meet-and-greet of all the area teachers and paraprofessionals that would come get introduced and have a meal with our families and our students. Representative Wind stated he has talked to Onamia Public Schools, that they’re willing to collaborate, and that he has reached out to Commissioner Gonzalez and is in the process of solidifying some dates, times, and numbers. The date will be November 30, 2022, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at the New District I Community Center. Representative Wind stated that a huge collaboration for the December payment was had within the Band Assembly here. Representative Wind thanked Representative Merrill for the hard push and expressed his appreciation. Representative Wind stated that the representative’s offices are also partnering with Isle and Onamia schools. Wendy is hosting a Raider Roundy on November 18, 2022, at Chiminising Community Center.

District II Representative Wendy Merrill stated that the last day to sign up for the adult Christmas party is today. Representative Merrill also stated that the community meeting would be pushed back to November 15, 2022, at Chiminising, and November 16, 2022, at Minisinaakwaang. Representative Merrill shared that a Wellbriety event would occur that evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. in East Lake. Representative Merrill shared that the Raiders Roundy dinner will occur at 6:30 p.m. The roundy will go from 7:00 – 11:00 pm on Friday, November 18, 2022. We have a couple good specials; adult side step; youth side step; street clothes (sponsored by Tracy Sam); best Native bling (sponsored by Adrienne Benjamin) also have additional specials; elder chair dance and musical chairs for the kids. Representative Merrill thanked all the sponsors of the event, including Representative Wind, the Gi-Nigaanizijig program, Onamia Indian Education, Isle Indian Education, 21st Century, MAAP, and Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures.

District III Representative Harry Davis announced that a community meeting for November will occur at Aazhoomog community center on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Representative Davis stated that the District III Office is going to hire local cooks to make our dinner, any potluck items will be appreciated, and there will be a dessert contest with prizes. Representative Davis stated that he intends to purchase Timberwolves tickets for ten upcoming home games. Representative Davis shared that he is going to schedule a Christmas party mid-December, but doesn't have the exact date. Representative Davis stated that he is also looking to do a separate youth Christmas party that will most likely take place at Meshakwad Community Center.

The next Band Assembly meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, at 10:00 AM.



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